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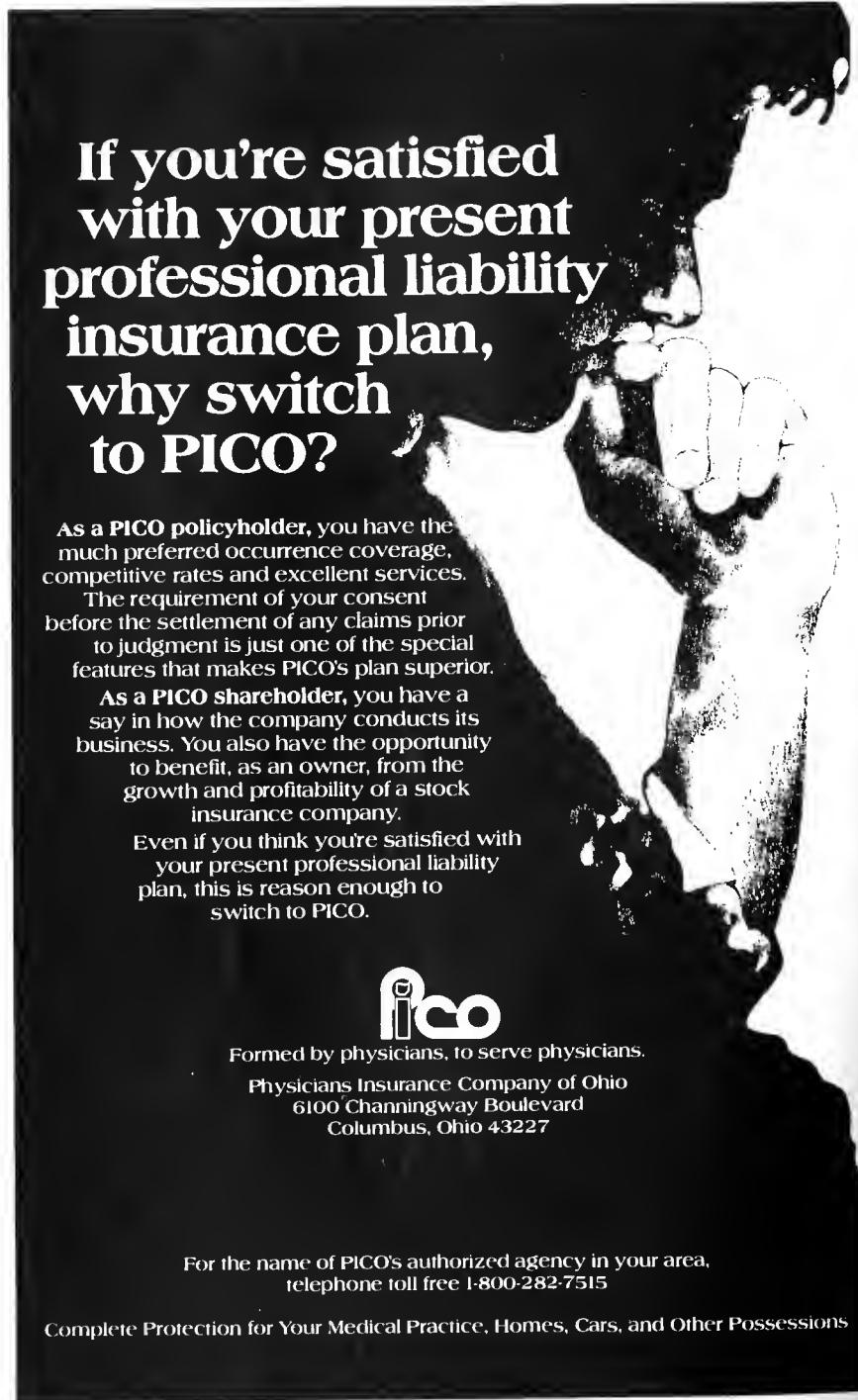
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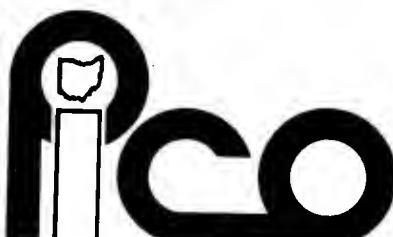
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From the Desk of the President



A SECOND OPINION

Medicine is as much an art as a science. Well trained and qualified practitioners in the "healing arts" can have different opinions as to the course of medical and/or surgical therapy employed in a particular case, and, in the final analysis, there is no objective single correct way. The end result, therefore, may be the same in spite of the fact that differing modalities of therapy were used in cases with similar pathology. There is no absolute, step by step "cook book" that can be employed by the physician.

If the many articles in both the lay press and the medical literature can be believed, Americans by the thousands are being subjected to an inordinately high number of unnecessary operative procedures. They infer that, along with the high costs, there is the concomitant risk of complications and even death as a result of these "unnecessary operations."

In all of the current literature decrying the "unnecessary surgery" there is yet to appear an attempt to work out an objective definition, either by lay critics or the medical profession, of the word "necessary" as it applies to surgical intervention. Certainly no one would deny that an operation performed to prolong life, regardless of the quality (of life), or an attempt, even if unsuccessful, to cure a patient of a potentially fatal disease such as cancer, must be considered necessary even in the most unsophisticated or underdeveloped society (or culture). Few, also, would argue about the necessity of reparative surgery following acute trauma or the more chronic ravages of degenerative disease (e.g. total hip replacement).

Most emphatically, where the controversy arises is in that large range of procedures, which, indeed, do not prolong life nor repair the ravages of injury or disease, but rather they improve the quality of that life. Some examples —

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Editorial

Mrs. Kay Sarantopoulos

May 22, 1933 - October 6, 1978

It is with deep sorrow that the death of Mrs. Kay Sarantopoulos, President of the Women's Auxiliary, was perceived last month. Her death was premature and at best untimely. We have forgotten that death is uncontrollable and it is something that we can all expect. People die just as they have begun something new — experiencing some new possibility, grasping some new and vital insights and developing their personality. In the middle of developing one's self and of creating, death comes unexpectedly. This has been a month in which death has forgotten its place.

The death of the new Pope, for example, appeared somehow unnatural as did the death of the passengers on the 727 in San Diego. It is our human seed that makes us think that death should have a better sense of timing. We try to envision life in predictable patterns of growth and decline, and therefore feel cheated if someone we love does not fill out the time table.

Mrs. Sarantopoulos will be missed by all because of her enthusiasm as defined in its original meaning i.e. being inspired or possessed by the gods. Kay's love encompassed her family, church and community. She was an inspiration for those with whom she worked and a leader. She was an example to be followed and whose memory shall always remain eternal among those whom she loved and loved her. She was an example of the true meaning of love; she always gave of herself willingly without forethought of the cost. As St. Paul states, "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us."

—Dean J. Limbert, M.D.
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3. A person with nasal congestion due to a deviated nasal septum can continue to breathe through his mouth, but would be more comfortable if a submucous resection were done.
4. A patient with ugly scars on the face is not particularly functionally disabled. A revision of the scars may, however, restore some emotional well being.

An individual with protruding ears, a large nose, large or small breasts etc., can have the necessary corrective surgery, but is it necessary? Certainly the emotional well being of the individual could be enhanced.

These words "necessary" vs. "unnecessary" pose a significant dilemma. A question that is most formidable is: necessary for what? Certainly in backward, economically deprived, undeveloped and "emerging" nations, all people should be assured the minimum of medical care and surgery to assume a significantly long life, based on world averages. As a nation becomes more affluent we then think not only of survival and prolonging life, but rather we now concentrate on the improvement of the quality of the life we have prolonged. The automobile, 100 years ago, was unnecessary because it did not exist. The horse was necessary. In 1978 would most people think of the family car as an unnecessary luxury or an absolute necessity?

Will our Federal government in its "omnipotent benevolence" now take over the determination of that which is necessary versus that which is extraneous? Will the motivation for this determination be based on benevolence or rather "cost control?" We must go back to the basic fact—whoever pays the piper will call the tune.

I do trust that the simple definition of "necessary" will be expounded so that there are no misunderstandings later on. Will Washington, in telling us what it deems unnecessary, mesh with the needs and desires of the citizens of this land? I hope so.

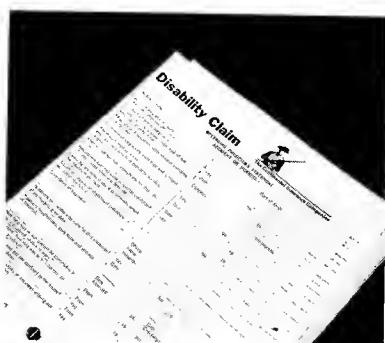
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In Memoriam

VERN A. NEEL, M.D.**1894 - 1978**

Dr. Vern A. Neel, 84, died of kidney failure at North Side Hospital on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Dr. Neel was born at Dillonvale, Ohio, where he attended school, later graduating from Steubenville High School. He earned his undergraduate degree at Muskingum College and was awarded the degree of M.D. in 1920 from Jefferson Medical College. Following an internship at Youngstown Hospital Association, he opened an office for the general practice of medicine in Youngstown in 1922.

Dr. Neel was a member of Alpha Kappa Kappa and Theta Nu Epsilon medical fraternities, Western Star Lodge 21, F. & A.M. and Aut Mori Grotto. During World War II, he served on the Mahoning County Selective Service Board and received a presidential commendation for his efforts. His office was at 1536 Mahoning Ave. He retired in 1973. In 1970, he was honored with a pin and certificate from the Ohio State Medical Association for 50 years of service as a physician.

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WALTER J. WEICKENAND, M.D.**1902 - 1978**

Dr. Walter J. Weickenand, 76, died of a heart ailment at Cleveland Clinic on Monday, Oct. 30.

Dr. Weickenand was born at Darlington, Wis., where he attended school, graduating from Darlington High School. He received a B.S. degree from Marquette University, where he was later awarded his M.D. degree in 1927. Following an internship at Milwaukee County Hospital and St. Elizabeth Hospital, he opened an office for the general practice of medicine at Campbell. In 1930, he moved his office to Youngstown.

He was named Youngstown Police physician in 1943. For 25 years he was juvenile court examiner.

In 1955, he opened his office at 650 12th St. in Campbell, where he practiced until the time of his death. He was appointed Campbell police physician and served in that capacity for 30 years. He was physician for the Campbell Board of Education and the Campbell schools' Athletic Department. He was a member of the Elks Club and the Rockwell Springs Trout Club.

In 1977, he was honored with a pin and certificate from the Ohio State Medical Association for 50 years of service as a physician.

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JAMES D. MILLER, M.D.**1918 - 1978**

Dr. James D. Miller, 60, died of cancer at North Side Hospital on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Dr. Miller was born at Columbus, where he went to school, receiving his undergraduate degree at Ohio State University. His M.D. degree was conferred at the U. of Maryland, 1943. He was commissioned a captain in the Army Medical Corps and assigned to New Guinea and the Philippines. At the end of the war he interned at Youngstown Hospital Association, then established an office for the practice of general medicine in the Home Savings and Loan Bldg. Later he specialized in internal medicine, with an office at 3025 Southern Blvd. He was associated with the Youngstown Alcoholism Clinic for 28 years.

In 1976, he achieved fame in another field as an author of an historical novel, "The Bloody Ohio in 1776," a story centered around Fort Henry on the Ohio River near Wheeling. Some of Dr. Miller's ancestors were at Fort Henry in 1776.

He was a member of Delta Upsilon and Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternities, the Youngstown Historical Society and Immaculate Conception Church.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

October 10, 1978

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1978 at the Youngstown Club.

The following applications for membership were presented by the Censors:

ACTIVE:

L. N. Harichand, M.D.
Humberto A. Latorre, M.D.

ASSOCIATE:

Musbah Al-Salti, M.D.
A. Gary Bitonte, M.D.
Geoffrey Leslie Chentow, M.D.
Eledath U. Krishnan, M.D.
Karipineni R. Prasad, M.D.
Kong Tatt Oh, M.D.

The applications were approved. Applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society 15 days after publication in the *Bulletin*, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary before that time.

A letter was read from the Chairman of the Medical Malpractice Committee of the International Association of Insurance Counsel conducting a survey to find out what medical societies have adopted "standards of testimony as an Expert Witness." A letter of reply will be sent stating that we have not adopted standards.

A letter was read from the American Medical Student Association asking for a donation toward their annual workshop. It was noted that we donated \$25 last year. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that we send the AMSA a check for \$25 toward their workshop.

Dr. Perry, chairman, reported on the success of the Medical Assistants Dinner, held on Oct. 5 at Sokol Center. He reported lots of prizes for the girls and a good time had by all.

A report was read from the ad hoc Directory Committee, recommending that the Medical Society office type up one copy of a complete directory and make a Xerox copy at cost available to anyone requesting it. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the report be accepted and implemented.

Dr. Chiu reported on the Sept. 28th meeting of the Liaison Committee of the Medical Society and the HSA. The principal issue discussed at that meeting was the difference in method of hospital bed count between the Ohio Dept. of Health and the American Hospital Association. Council went on record as approving the method used by the American Hospital Association. A letter to this effect will be sent to the HSA.

Dr. Chiu reported a proposed community-wide disaster exercise and the need for a triage team. Following discussion, Dr. Chiu was appointed chairman of a committee to devise an appropriate method of providing a triage team for the community.

Dr. Dietz announced that the next Medical Society meeting would be Nov. 21 for nomination of officers.

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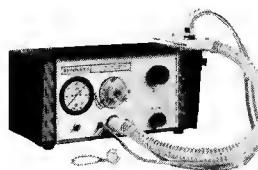
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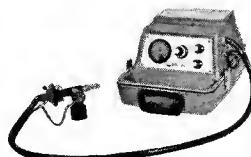


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CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

As the final year of the first CME triennium approaches, many physicians will be completing their 150 hours of required continuing medical education. It has been suggested by the Ohio State Medical Association that doctors should *not* wait until December of 1979 to submit their CME credits to the Ohio Medical Board. It is feared that a deluge of last-minute submissions will cause undue problems for the Board and doctors alike.

For up-to-date information on the CME program, watch for the December issue of the *Ohio State Medical Journal*. The issue will be devoted to Continuing Medical Education.

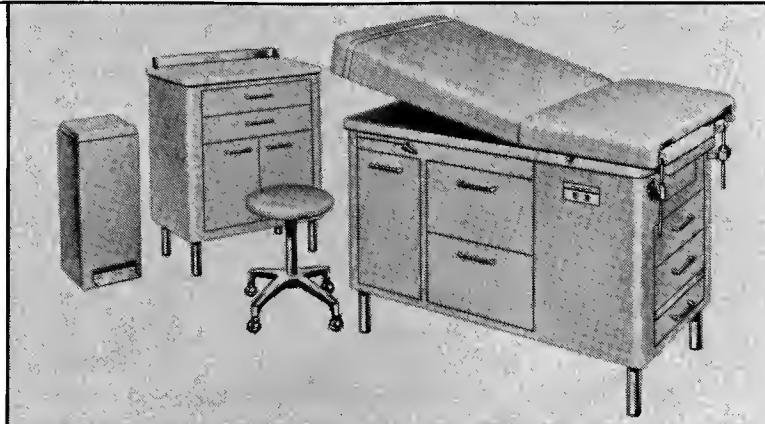
NOMINATIONS IN NOVEMBER

Nominations for officers, council and other offices will be in order at the November 21st meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society at the Youngstown Club. The Nominating Committee report will be presented and further nominations may be made by members by secret ballot. Reservations may be made at the Medical Society office. Wives and husbands of members are welcome.

CANCER "SMOKEOUT" IS NOV. 16

The Mahoning County Unit of the American Cancer Society is sponsoring local participation in the Great American Smokeout scheduled for Nov. 16. They are asking all smokers to quit for a day. The purpose is to aid smokers in taking the first step toward quitting for good. Pledge cards and posters are available by calling the Society, 788-5048.

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Dr. J. H. Talbott of the Massachusetts General Hospital addressed the Society on "The Use of the Chemical Laboratory in Diagnosis and Practice of Medicine". Dr. Talbott led the group from the Harvard Fatigue Laboratory whose research work here in Youngstown in 1934 solved the problem of heat cramps in the mill workers.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1948

A leading article in that issue was written by John L. Scarneccchia on "Retrodisplacements of the Uterus". Dr. Scarneccchia received word in October of his election to fellowship in the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Bryan Hutt passed his examinations successfully and was accredited by the American Board of Pediatrics. Dr. E. R. McNeal opened his office for the practice of Internal Medicine.

Dr. W. H. Bunn was elected President and Dr. R. B. Poling Vice President of the new Youngstown Heart Association.

Dr. W. J. Flynn became an active member of the Medical Society.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1958

Editor Morris Rosenblum wrote: "The premise that physicians should adhere exclusively to the practice of medicine is outmoded. A doctor, like every other professional, business, trade or industrial worker has a debt of responsibility to take an active interest and working part in Civic and Community affairs".

Frank Gelbman had a very informative article on the Dangers and Complications of Hypnosis.

New members that month were Robert Warnock, Winifred Liu Mutschman, Julius Nemeth, Joseph Tandatnick, Henry Ellison, Curtis Fisher, John Hyland, Milton Lenhart, Samuel Petraglia and Arthur Whittaker.

New members of the American College of Surgeons were Bert Katz, John Guju, Richard Murray, Cal Kunin and Ed Thomas. Alexander Calder opened his office on Glenwood Avenue.

TEN YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1968

The Medical Dental Bureau introduced the new "voice page" System so that doctors could get their messages wherever they might be. With the new gadget you couldn't even find peace in the bathroom or the golf course. Oh, the joys of scientific progress!

There was an article in this issue of the *Bulletin* explaining to the members what an "Extended Care Facility" (ECF) was and the requirements needed for patients to qualify for ECF care under the Medicare plan. The "guidelines" kept changing so much that we had to install a department of Social Service in our hospitals to handle all the details.

New members that month were Dr. Gene Fry, Dr. Louis Alexander and Dr. Wm. Moskalik. Dr. Sanford Gaylord gave a lecture at the University of Pittsburgh on the use of the new fiberoptic gastric camera.

—Robert R. Fisher, M.D.

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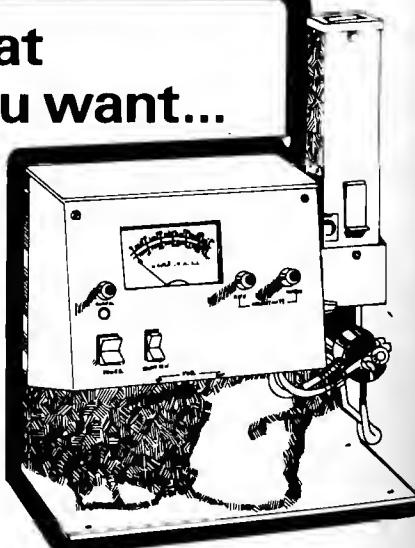
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